

“Africa – EU Action Programme to support improved transboundary basins management”

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**AMCOW has selected
5 pilot transboundary basins
in which will be initiated the first
actions
of the European Water Initiative:
Orange-Senqu,
Lake Chad,
Lake Victoria/Kagera ,
Niger and Volta.**



- **Geographical extent :**
 - **Orange-Senqu : 4 Countries ;** Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and South Africa.
 - **Lake Chad : 5 Countries ;** members of the LCBC: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Niger and Nigeria.
 - **Lake Victoria / Kagera : 5 Countries ;**
 - 3 riparian countries: Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania.
 - 2 countries in the basin: Rwanda and Burundi.
 - **Niger : 9 Countries ;** members of NBA: Benin, Burkina, Cameroon, Chad, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger and Nigeria.
 - **Volta : 6 Countries ;** Benin, Burkina, Ghana, Ivory, Mali, and Togo.



THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

- During the IWRM + 5 Conference of Ouagadougou in October 2003, 6 specific "areas of intervention" were raised, corresponding to "the 6 pillars" of the IWRM Initiative in Africa:
 - Enabling Environment and Institutional roles,
 - Mobilisation of financial resources,
 - Capacity building,
 - Assessment and monitoring,
 - Awareness and Confidence building,
 - Basin Management plans and Action plans.



Objective of the mission:

- To assess and measure the situation as compared with the application of the 6 pillars of IWRM-areas of intervention



Objective of the mission:

- To orientate tangible proposals for actions enabling financial requests to be made to the European Commission.



I) Enabling Environment and Institutional roles :

Suited legislative and regulatory frameworks (statutes, tasks, responsibilities, delegations of transboundary basin organisations and national institutions).



II) Mobilisation of financial resources :

Allowing the effective implementation of the management plans and of their action plans.



III) Capacity building :

Professional continuing training, identifying good practices, ensuring dissemination.



IV) Assessment and monitoring :

Building or reinforcing systems and networks for monitoring.



V) Awareness and Confidence building :

**Suited methods for better participation
(definition of objectives, strategies, formulation of
management plans and action plans).**



VI) Basin Management and Action plans :

**On the medium and long term,
based on a common vision of all concerned partners,
with operational plans for priority action extending on a
four or five-year period.**



GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS :

Many stakeholders involved :

- **African : RBO, REC, AMCOW, National Authorities, Other Stakeholders (Civil Society, NGOs, Local Collectivities ..);**
- **European : European Delegations, bilateral co-operations, Local Technical Assistants, NGOs**



GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS :

Many documents consulted, according to the Terms of Reference;

Many meetings led



GENERAL FINDINGS :

- **Preoccupying demographic trends and poverty level**
- **Water management and governance to be improved**
- **Accurate environmental degradation**
- **Available financial means far from MDG**



CONCLUSION

MAIN PILLARS :

- **Enabling environment,**
- **Assessment and Monitoring;**
- **Planning Instruments.**



CONCLUSION

But transversal pillars also considered as the projects are being led and will be led :

- with Executive Secretariats' team, fostering capacity building, on-the job training;**
- fostering participative approaches;**
- Incentivating mobilisation of financial resources.**



CONCLUSION

Some difficulties to be tackled with :

Political instability

Political will and National IWRM



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Relations River Basin Organisation – Regional Economic Commissions

Implementation body

**Co-ordination with other projects and
Donors**



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**Recommendations for reinforced
ownership in the preparation of
Financial Proposals**



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